

May 5, 1975 Mon.

Dear Vickie and Jim,

We have our typewriter back from Mary and Mike and it has been so long since I have used it that I have lost my speed so I will have to start practicing.

It is a rainy day out so I won't be able to work in the yard and there is alot I want to do. Last week I cut branches from the trees, using the saw, and I have such a huge pike of clippings that I am going to hire some one to haul it all away . The yard looks nice.

Mary told me you had called her. I was afraid the shirts would be too big as I knew you wore a size medium, Jim, but the new materials some times run smaller than expected. It is no trouble for me to exchange them but it is a lot of bother for you to have to send them back. I am glad you are doing it however so I can send the right size.

Thank you for your letter, Vickie. You two really had a busy time when your friends from Chi cago were there.

Dad likes working at John Grahams and they have lots of jobs and dad can work as long as he wants to. One engineer just quit and he was seventy-five years old. Of course dad doesn't want to work that long. He is taking the bus in as it stops right at the office and he also gets it there when he comes home so he always gets a seat.

I also read about old post cards. The leather ones are especially valuable and I think we have just one of those.

Saturday night we played bridge with John and Marie Donnelly and we beat them and won fifty cents. Dad was so happy because he thought I played such good precision. We stayed there quite late so we didn't go over to Mary and Mikes Sunday like we usually do. It was fine with Mary as she had a stiff neck. We went out for dinner Sunday night to a beautiful new restaurant in Bellevue. We really liked it and the food was very good and soy so was the atmosphere.

I think I told you that dad has all the benefits now at the office. We have medical and and a 20,000 dollar life insurance policy from the company, and he also gets sick leave and of course vacation time. Maybe next summer we can come out and see you.

Mary and Mike have looked at a house they like very much. It is a real old house and big with four bedrooms, which are upstairs, and there is a basement with a recreation room and and just lots of storage. The yard is so big that it gives me a headache just thinking of of the work it would involve and Mike doesn't have much time and he isn't a yard man anyway bu



he thinks he would be. The house is on a hill in Renton and it does have a nice view. I guess there are good and bad things about almost every house. I hope your house will sell soon. It is such a beautiful house and such a nice yard that a buyer will come along any day now. I am going down to the post office and mail this and then come home and do some ironing. I hope the sun will come out this afternoon so I can work in the yard. Good-bye for now and don't get too tired out with the busy life you have.

Love,

Mom.